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LEARNING CENTER VIRTUAL TOUR NOW ON 'ONE COURT OF JUSTICE' WEB SITE

LANSING, MICHIGAN, February 18, 2003 – Features of the Michigan Hall of Justice Learning Center may now be viewed on-line, thanks to a “virtual tour” on the Michigan judiciary’s “One Court of Justice” web site.

“The virtual tour prepares visitors for what they can expect to find at the Learning Center,” said Learning Center Coordinator Vicky Kruckeberg. “While we hope all Michigan citizens will visit the Learning Center in person, the virtual tour is a resource for those who can’t come to the Hall of Justice.”

The Hall of Justice Learning Center is a 3,800 sq. ft. interpretive gallery designed to educate visitors about the Michigan justice system and how it affects them. Michigan is the second state to provide a physical facility for learning about the judicial branch. The Center provides information about how the court system operates and gives examples of important court decisions. Video, computer programs, photographs, text and hands-on activities encourage visitors to answer questions, explore information and role-play.

The virtual tour opens with a view of the Michigan Hall of Justice. Viewers are guided through the building’s front door and into the lobby, where volunteer docents wait to guide tours. The virtual tour continues with an overview of the Learning Center’s features, including the “Day in Court” exhibit, which allows Center visitors to play various roles in a trial.

The virtual tour is available at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov>, click on “Learning Center.”

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